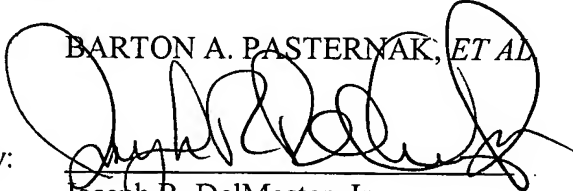


REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-14 were pending in this application. Claims 1-3 and 5-14 stand rejected. The rejections of claims 1-3 and 5-13 are appealed. Claim 14 is canceled by this amendment. Claims 1-3 and 5-13 are pending in the application after this amendment. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

This amendment serves solely to cancel claim 14, and is believed to be admissible under the provision of 37 C.F.R. § 116(b) that “[a]fter a final rejection ... amendments may be made canceling claims.” If that provision is considered to be overridden by the general provision of 37 C.F.R. § 116(d) that “[n]o amendment can be made as a matter of right in appealed cases,” then it is requested that the amendment be entered in the interests of administrative efficiency.

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